selective modernisation

higher productivity

labour rationalisation

competitive purchase of raw materials

higher yarn production

lower cloth production

price optimisation

product upgradation.

Improving the performance of the textile mills run by the State Textile Corporations is the concern of the respective State Governments.

[English]

Settlement of L.I.C. Policies

732. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Life Insurance policies which had matured or became payable prior to 31-3-90 and which remained unsettled on 1-4-90;

(b) the number of such policies which matured or became payable during 1990-91;

(c) the number of policies included in (a) and (b) above which were settled during 1990-91;

(d) the number of policies which remained under settlement on 31-3-91;

(e) the average time taken by Life Insurance Corporation to settle claims on maturity; and

(f) the steps taken to reduce processing time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) 64,946 policies.

(b) 18,94,277 policies.

(c) 19,08,739 policies.

(d) 50,484 policies.

(e) The Corporation has laid down the following time norms to be observed by its all offices in respect of maturity claim payments:

(i) where all requirements are received sufficiently in advance of the date of maturity, post dated cheques in advance should be issued.

(ii) where all requirements are received after the date of maturity, the cheques towards the payment of claims should be issued within a maximum period of 4 days from the date of completion of all formalities.

(f) Several administrative measures such as use of micro-processors, purification of records, sending the discharge forms well in advance, etc. are being taken to reduce processing time.

Sanctioned strength of Posts in High Courts

733. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN : Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of sanctioned posts of Judges and Additional Judges of High Courts as on 1 April, 1991, Court-wise;

(b) the vacancies in each High Court on that date;

(c) the number of Judges and Additional Judges belonging to OBC's SC, ST and religious minorities on that date;

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to upgrade the representation of the under represented groups in these posts; and

(e) the break-up of existing Judges/ Additional Judges by mode of appointment i.e. promotion from the bench or nomination from the Bar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) The requisite information is given in the enclosed statement.

(c) and (e) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) Appointment of Judges of the High Courts are made in terms of relevant provisions of the Constitution of India which do not provide for reservation for any caste or class of persons. The Government have addressed letters to the Chief Ministers of States and the Chief Justices of High Courts, requesting them to locate persons from the Bar belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, and women, who are suitable for appointment as High Court Judges.

STATEMENT

The Strength and Vacancies in Various High Courts as on 1-4-1991

Sl. No.	High Court	Sanctioned strength			Actual Strength			Vacancies		
		Pmt. Judges	Addl. Judges	Total	Pmt. Judges	Addl. Judges	Total	Pmt. Judges	Addl. Judges	Total
1.	Allahabad	57	3	60	56	..	56	1	3	4
2.	Andhra Pradesh	24	2	26	22	..	22	2	2	4
3.	Bombay	42	12	54	39	8	47	3	4	7
4.	Calcutta	45	1	46	41	1	42	4	..	4
5.	Delhi	25	5	30	24	5	29	1	..	..
6.	Gauhati	13	..	13	11	..	11	2	..	2
7.	Gujarat	23	7	30	23	7	30	..	..	..
8.	Himachal Pradesh	5	2	7	4	2	6	1	..	1
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	8	..	8	8	..	8	..	..	..
10.	Karnataka	28	2	30	26	2	28	2	..	2
11.	Kerala	21	3	24	20	3	23	1	..	1
12.	Madhya Pradesh	23	7	30	21	3	24	2	4	6
13.	Madras	28	..	28	28	..	28	..	..	..
14.	Orissa	12	2	14	12	2	14	..	..	..
15.	Patna	35	..	35	29	..	29	6	..	6
16.	Punjab & Haryana	26	6	32	26	6	32	..	..	..
17.	Rajasthan	22	3	25	19	3	22	3	..	3
18.	Sikkim	3	..	3	2		2	1	..	1
	TOTAL	440	55	495	411	42	453	29	13	42